Only Wildcat In County Nears Critical Zone

By Bill Rintoul

BAKERSFIELD, Kern Co. — Drilling has passed the 8,617-foot mark at Richard S. Rheem, Operator's Well No. 67, which is the only wildcat currently active in Fresno County.

The San Francisco operator is looking for oil at a site 1¼ miles southwest of the Guijarral Hills field, where sands of Miocene, Oligocene and Eocene ages have been tapped for more than 44 million barrels of oil, and two miles northwest of the Kettleman North Dome field, where Middle and Lower Miocene and Eocene sands have been tapped for more than 440 million barrels.

A depth of 9,700 feet is expected to provide an answer at the Rheem test, which is going down primarily for a look at the Leda zone. Site of the Wildcat is on Section 10—21-16. Brown Drilling Co. is the contractor.

In Kern County, a year-end drilling spurt seems to be developing. Among new drilling jobs are those at Devils Den, Kern Front, Kern River, McKittrick, Tejon Hills and Ten Section. With exception of the Ten Section well, the new ones are all fused for shallow depths.

The ranks of new ventures include James R. Price's Dudley No. 8 on Section 26—25-18 at Devils Den; Getty Oil Co.'s Lehnhardt No. 19-A on Section 14—28-27 at Kern Front; Douglas Drilling Co.'s Cauley Lease Two No. 5 on Section 36—28-27 at Kern River; Ketell Oil Co.'s McLennan No. 1-S on Section 13—30-21 at McKittrick; Lyle A. Garner's Tejon No. 15-1 on Section 15—11-18 at Tejon Hills; and Standard Oil Co. of California's KCL 59 No. 358-24 on Section 24—30-25 at Ten Section.

Clovis Resident Wins Sequoia Scouting Award

Bert C. Hall of 6134 N. Sunnyside Ave., Clovis, has added to his honors as a Clovis youth worker by winning the Sequoia Boy Scout Council's award for Scouter of the Month in December.

Hall

Hall has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 351, sponsored by the Clovis Lions Club, since it was established nearly 14 years ago.

Hall's 28-member unit, besides its normal scouting program, has such community service projects as clearing trash from roadsides and participating in Operation Bootstrap, a council-wide conservation project in the Sierra. The troop meets in its own clubhouse on Hall's property.

Hall also holds among other things, the Silver Beaver, the highest honor a scout council can bestow on a non-professional leader, the Sequoia Medal of Honor, the highest district award; the Rex Phebus Award for outstanding contributions to Clovis youth, and an honorary life-time Parent Teacher Association membership for his work with students while a cook for eight years at the Weldon School.

Hall credits Elroy Robinson, a Fresno City College science teacher and assistant scoutmaster, for the interest in nature which has made Troop 351 one of the council's most dedicated hiking units.

A native Fresnan, Hall has lived in Clovis about 30 years. Among the five Eagle scouts in his troop's history are his son, Louis.

Subdivision Map Has Tentative Okay

MADERA, Madera Co. — Planning Commission approval has been given to the tentative subdivision map for Lillian Estates Subdivision No. 2, which will contain 12 homes on Joy Street, a one block long street running north from Central Avenue.

A total of 3½ acres are in the development, which is the first phase of a 116-lot subdivision in that area. Annexation proceedings have been started to bring a portion of the 3½ acres into the city. The remainder of the proposed 12-lot development already is within the city.

Mineral King Details

Disney Planners Await Signal

HOLLYWOOD — "We are all very grateful for the confidence that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, his associates and the Forest Service have shown in us and our plan for the development of Mineral King. It is a challenge and a responsibility we enthusiastically accept."

This was the comment of Walt Disney after his plan for the $35 million - plus development of summer and winter recreational facilities at Mineral King in the Sequoia National Forest in Tulare County was accepted by the Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service.

He said his consultants will meet "within the next few days" with Forest Service officials to work out details of the plan and set a sequence for construction.

His plans call for a self-contained village including a chapel, ice - skating rink, convenience shops, restaurants, conference center and low-cost lodging accommodations.

MASTER SKETCH—Walt Disney surveys the master plan for his Mineral King all-year recreation development after being awarded a federal contract for the project's operation. The plan shows Mineral King Village (1) and the location of various facilities. There will be 14 ski-lifts, including two for beginners (2) and Lookout Peak and Mosquito lifts (3 and 4); Mosquito (5) which will include a cafeteria and rentals. The view is to the south, with the entrance to the valley at (6). There will be a heliport (7); a cluster of summer cabins (8), and parking for 2,500 cars (9). Close to the village facilities will be a snow play area (10), removed from the ski trails, for tobogganing, sled rides.

The next step, Disney said, will be to provide winter facilities for a snow survey group, including Forest Service experts, who will spend this winter studying snow conditions and collecting data for future construction.

Road Needed

Building progress, however, must await definite commitments for the construction of an all-weather state road leading to Mineral King, which is expected to be built over the next five or six years, Disney said. He also stressed that building cannot begin before the Forest Service has issued a 30-year term permit for the land on which the permanent facilities will be located.

The permit just granted to Disney is for three years. This time is given to complete plans and to obtain satisfactory commitments on construction of the new road.

30-Year Permit

When the plan is accepted the Forest Service will issue the 30-year permit.

"Right now it looks as if the first facilities to go up will be a beginners' ski lift from the village, a lift for advanced skiers to Lookout Peak, and a lift for intermediate skiers on Miner's Ridge, in that order," he said.

The Disney plan calls for 14 ski lifts, many serving guests throughout the year. Some of the lifts will be used in the warm months by sightseers, campers, hikers and wild-life students.

In addition to Mineral King Village and ski lifts, the plan includes 10 restaurants in the valley and atop surrounding peaks. There will be two large hotels, a heliport and auxiliary facilities.

Boost Economy

An economic analysis made in September by Economic Research Associates of Los Angeles, indicates Disney's development will add more than $600 million to California's economy during its first 10 years of operation. The survey also estimates 2.5 million visitors, 800,000 from out of state, will be drawn annually to the recreational Mecca by 1976, its first full year of operation.

As one means of preserving Mineral King's exceptional scenic beauty, Disney will exclude automobiles from the valley proper. Guests will park in a 2,500 - vehicle area at the entrance and will be taken into the valley by a high-capacity public conveyance. Design work on the transportation system will begin soon by Disney engineers.

He will preserve the area's natural character also by camouflaging ski lifts, situating the village so it will not be seen from the valley entrance, and putting service areas in a 60,-000 square foot underground facility beneath the village.

It is planned to spread construction over four years, with the first year's work to include the beginners' and Mosquito base lifts, cafeteria and facilities; the service and fire stations, ski school, forest service office, hospital and administration facilities; a medium-price hotel, dormitories; village restaurant and cafeteria, general store and post office; and the underground service facilities.

Veteran's Home Is Gay With Yule Spirit

By Bob Good
Fresno Bee staff correspondent

LEMOORE NAVAL AIR STATION — Christmas in the Dewey Davis home will be especially significant this year, as it will in hundreds of similar homes of this giant jet base.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 1. C. Davis, his wife, Jeannie, and their sons, Jimmy, 7, and 4-year-old Jeff are together again.

Hundreds of his fellow Navy airmen aren't so lucky, however.

They are "on the line" in the waters of the South China Sea, from where carrier-borne aircraft operate against the Viet Cong.

Davis came home to his pretty wife and sons, following an eight month tour of duty aboard the carrier Midway.

Like most servicemen, he's mighty proud of his outfit — Attack Squadron 23 — and the role he plays in fighting for his country.

He's proud, too, of the Navy and the United States.

"We know why we're over there," he says. "We know that if we don't stop them in Viet Nam, we will have to end up trying to stop them at our own doorstep. It's too bad there are those among us who don't realize this."

These are not empty words from Davis. Like other men who have returned home for a few months of well-earned shore duty and like those who have taken their places, he worked double shifts seven days a week, week in and week out, to keep the jets of VA 23 in the air.

And his pride is shared by his family.

"It's a lonesome existence when he is gone, of course," his wife says; "but someone has to do the job.

"We have many fine friends, and we Navy wives have each other when our husbands are overseas.

"It's a good life in many ways. Actually, I have no complaint other than the long tours of sea duty Dave has to serve from time to time.

"There are eight families in our court here, including 23 children. The youngsters get along fine and they learn how to meet and live with people from all walks of life and from many different places.

"So, you see, it's a good life for them, too."

The Davises have been married eight years. They met during Davis' second year in the Navy, while he was stationed in Texas.

Although he is a native of Oklahoma, Davis considers California his home state. He has lived here since he was a child. He is a graduate of the Arvin High School.

Life Is Similar

Life of a Naval air station is not unlike that of any compact community.

Mrs. Davis is a Sunday school teacher at the base chapel, which her sons attend regularly. She also is a room mother at one of the two elementary schools here, where Jimmy is in the second grade.

When he is not at sea, Davis keeps fairly regular hours and is home at nights, like most fathers.

Unlike the average American family, however, the Davises will receive Christmas greetings from all over the country and from many parts of the world.

"We hear from many former neighbors, whom we met in one or another of the places we have lived during these past eight years," Davis explains.

How do they like it here? "Just great," Davis says. "It is near to and much like Arvin, so this is home to me."

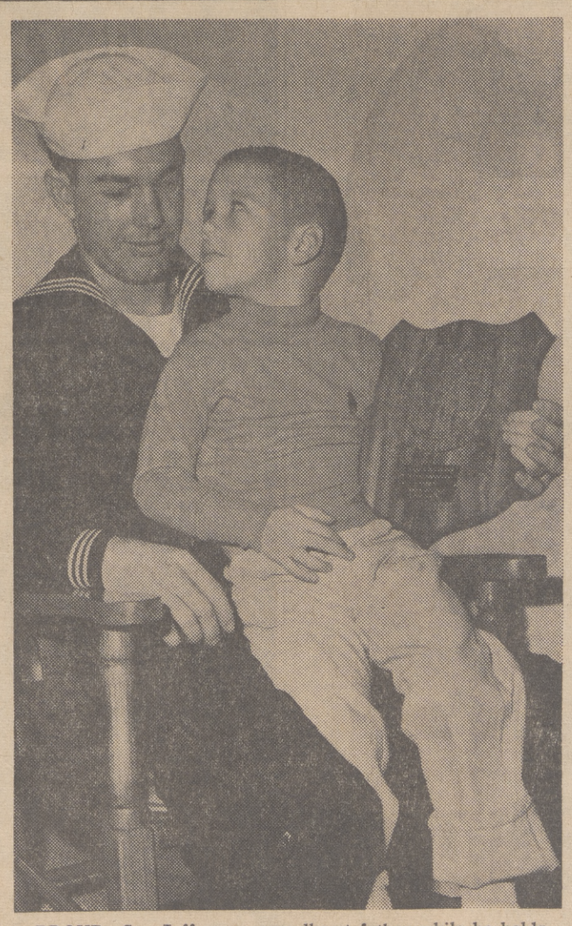
Mrs. Davis found it difficult at first to get used to the treeless plains of the West Side when they were first transferred here in March, 1963.

"But I really like it now," she says. "Dave soon will be up for re-assignment to a shore duty station. I hope it is right here, because this is the best place yet."

Davis, who will soon complete 10 years in the Navy, plans to make it a career. He recently re-enlisted for six more years.

Bee Photos

A MAN AND HIS FAMILY—Representative of the fighting men of Lemoore Naval Air Station is Aviation Machinist's Mate 1.C. Dewey Davis who, having completed an eight-month tour of duty in Viet Nam waters, is able to spend Christmas holidays with his family. A happy smile lights his face as he poses by the decorated tree with his wife, Jeannie, and sons Jimmy, left, and Jeff.



PROUD—Son Jeff gazes proudly at father while he holds plaque awarded Davis for meritorious service.

Deputy Will Leave Field In '66 To Hanhart

MADERA, Madera Co. — David T. Stockman, deputy district attorney who was a candidate recently for the district attorney's post, said he is pleased with the appointment of James R. Hanhart as district attorney and will not run against him next year.

The board of supervisors named Hanhart district attorney Tuesday and he expects to assume the office this week after resigning as justice court judge. At the time Stockman announced his desire for the position he said he would be a candidate at the next election.

Since the appointment of Hanhart he says he will not run against Hanhart at election time. The supervisors will name Hanhart's successor as justice court judge.

Merced County Undersheriff's Funeral Is Set

MERCED, Merced Co. — Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady Of Mercy Church for Undersheriff Michael La Cava, 54,

Burial will be in the Calvary cemetery. The rosary will be recited tonight at 8 o'clock in the Mission Chapel of Ivers & Alcorn.

La Cava was a native of Wilkesboro, Pa,. and lived here 25 years. He was a member of the sheriff's office for 15 years. He was named acting undersheriff last July and permanently appointed to the post by Sheriff John Latorraca Sept. 1.

Before joining the sheriff's department he was an Atwater police officer.

Surviving are his wodow, Jenny; three sons, Raymond and Guido La Cava of Merced and James La Cava of Alpine County; three sisters, Mrs. Rose Reinero of Merced, Mrs. Mary Mustacchio of Los Angeles and Lily La Cava of Hollywood; and two brothers, John and James La Cava of Merced.

Hunter Is Electrocuted Near Dinuba

VISALIA, Tulare Co. —An accidental electrocution while hunting claimed the life late yesterday of Harmon M. Kellogg, 24, of Visalia.

The coroner's office said Kellogg was hunting pheasants with a friend near Dinuba when a rabbit ran across the field and into a section of aluminum irrigation pipe.

Kellogg lifted the pipe to shake the rabbit out, and the upper end came in contact with a 12,-000-volt power line. Kellogg collapsed immediately. His companion summoned aid, but Kellogg was dead on arrival at the Alta District Hospital in Dinuba.

The Hadley Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Selma Trustees Ask Federal Aid By 4 To 1 Vote

SELMA — The Selma Union High School trustees voted 4 to 1 to apply for up to $52,000 in federal funds to provide compensatory education for 200 students from poverty level families.

Trustee William Dern voted against the motion on the ground of opposition to using federal funds for fear of federal control of the schools.

Supporting the measure were Trustees Roy Frost, Glenn Wilkins, John Hardin and Alex MacDonald.

Superintendent George Quetin said the district has until Jan. 1 to make application.

State Okays Tulare Mental Health Setup

VISALIA, Tulare Co. — The state department of mental hygiene has approved the mental health program in Tulare County.

County Administrator David Ogden says the program is in connection with the statewide Short-Doyle Mental Health Act, providing state funds of up to 75 per cent.

The Board of Supervisors earlier okehed a budget of $135,180 for both inpatient and outpatient care, administration, consultation, rehabilitation and informational and educational services.

Dr. G. A. Shannon is administrator of the program.

Lindsay Boy, 4, Is Killed By Car

LINDSAY, Tulare Co. — Anthony DePaoli, 4, was killed instantly late yesterday when struck by a car in front of his home at 1061 E. Tulare Road.

The police said he was returning home after playing with a friend and ran into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Barbara Joyce Miller, 31, of 882 Page St. She was not held.

The boy was a son of Mrs. Donna DePaoli of Lindsay and Louis DePaoli Jr. of Strathmore. He is survived also by a 9-year-old sister, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis DePaoli Sr. of Strathmore.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Webb Chapel.

FRESNAN SELLS LAND

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cecile Price Cullinane of Fresno has sold property between Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande to the P.V.P. Investment Co., of Torrance. Sale price was indicated at $40,000.

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